

Making Zines at the Library- Resources

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Excerpt from “Making Zines at the Library” Zine

Libraries are resource-rich and have many meanings to many different kinds of people. For some it is a sanctuary from outdoor heat and hustle, a childhood tradition of tote bags full to the brim with bedtime stories, a place to get a meal during summer vacation, a stop on a neighborhood walking route.

For me, the library is one of the best places to make zines! When I tell people I make most of my zines at the library, they always have a lot of questions. This is my attempt to answer some of those questions. If you need additional help, please ask the librarian on duty! Library staff love to be helpful and they are really good at connecting you with resources and showing you around the library.

This information refers to Hennepin County Libraries, and resources can vary between local branches.

Resources

- Library Patrons Union: librarypatronsunion.com
 - An explicitly leftist, community-run union of Hennepin County Library patrons, organizing for more just public libraries.
- Library locations and hours: hclib.org/about/locations
- Library card: hclib.org/card
- Zine collection: hclib.org/en/programs/books-reading/zine-collection
 - Browse the collection at Central, East Lake, and Hosmer branches
- Digital zine programs
 - Google slides: workspace.google.com/products/slides
 - Free app, design zine pages with custom slide sizes
 - Canva: canva.com
 - Free or paid app, design zine pages with custom page sizes
 - Spectrolite: spectrolite.app

- Free app for Mac only, sorts individual pages into booklet print layout
 - PDF Snake: pdfsnake.app
 - Free/paid app, sorts individual pages into booklet print layout
 - Electric Zine Maker: unicornycopia.com/ezm
 - Zine-making tool
- Using library computers: hclib.org/programs/computers-technology#using-computers
 - Lists programs like GIMP and Scribus that are accessible with library computers
- Reserve a room: hclib.org/en/programs/meeting-rooms
- Access free printing
 - Upload documents to print: hclib.org/print
 - ePRINTit app
- Suggest zine titles for purchase: hclib.org > “Contact” > “Add to the collection”
- Zine events at the library: hclib.bibliocommons.com/v2/events



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